

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 106, 109, 112-120, 125-126, 129-130, 133-134, 137-138, 141-142, 145-146, 149-150, 153-154, 157-158, 161-163, and 166-175 are currently pending. Claims 1-105, 107-108, 110-111, 121-124, 127-128, 131-132, 135-136, 139-140, 143-144, 147-148, 151-152, 155-156, 159-160, and 164-165 are cancelled. Claims 106, 109, 125, 126, 163, and 166 are currently amended. No new matter is added.

Telephone Interview Summary

On September 20, 2010, Applicant's representative, Thomas Keating, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner David Steadman to discuss the Examiner's proposed claim amendments. Applicant's representative gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's granting of and participation in the telephone interview.

Examiner's Amendment

Applicant has adopted, in slightly modified form, the amendments proposed by the Examiner in the Office communication of July 22, 2010. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestions for improving the form of the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that, apart from objections to the form of certain claims, the claims are otherwise in condition for allowance. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's recognition of the allowability of these claims and respectfully submit that, in light of the claim amendments submitted herewith, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to the form of claims 106, 109, 125, 126, 163, and 166, and has proposed claim amendments to improve the form of the claims. Accordingly, Applicants have adopted, with some minor changes, the claim amendments proposed by the Examiner. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestions.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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